

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

I. Status of Pending Claims

In this Amendment C, in order to expedite allowance of the present application, claims 1-10 and 14-71 have been cancelled. However, Applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to any of the canceled claims during the pendency of this application.

Claims 90-122 remain pending in the present application.

II. Claim Rejections under §112

Claims 1-6, 9, 10, 14-19, 21, 22, 40, 41, 47-49, 52, 54-58, and 69-71 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. In as much as these claims have now been cancelled, Applicants respectfully submit this rejection is rendered moot.

III. Claim Rejections under §103

Claims 1-6, 9, 10, 14-19, 21, 22, 40, 41, 47-49, 52, and 54-58 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over Weinberg et al. (U.S. Pat. 6,030,917) in view of Johnson et al. (J. Am. Chem. Soc., **1995**, 117(23), pp. 6414-6415). Additionally, claims 70 and 71 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over Weinberg et al. (U.S. Pat. 6,030,917) and Johnson et al. (J. Am. Chem. Soc., **1995**, 117(23), pp. 6414-6415), in view of Murata et al. (U.S. Pat. 5,892,075).

In as much as all of these claims have now been cancelled, Applicants respectfully submit these rejections are rendered moot.

IV. Allowable Claims

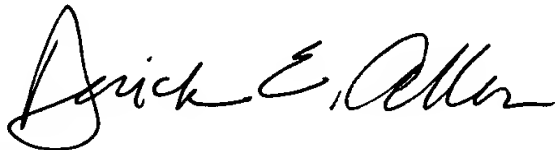
Applicants respectfully acknowledge the Office's finding that pending claims 90-122 are allowable (which includes claims 96, 97, 104, 105, 108-112, 115, 120, and 121, that were previously withdrawn for being directed to nonelected species).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, allowance of now pending claims 90-122 is respectfully requested.

A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed in payment of the one-month extension of time fee for the filing of this response. The Commissioner is, however, hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1345.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derick E. Allen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Derick" being more prominent.

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